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FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB OF VICTORIA.

THE ordinary monthly meeting of the Club, and Special Exhibition of Wild Flowers, *in memoriam* of its late patron, Baron von Mueller, was held in the Royal Society's Hall on Monday evening, 11th October, 1897. Mr. C. French, F.L.S., the president, occupied the chair, and about 120 members and visitors were present.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Mr. G. A. Keartland, with reference to the proposed extension of the close season for quail, suggesting that the close season should be from 1st September to 1st April instead of from 1st August to 1st March, as at present.

It was decided that Messrs. Best, Campbell, Coles, and Keartland be appointed to wait upon the Minister of Customs and urge the adoption of this suggestion.

REPORTS.

A report of the Club's excursion to Cheltenham on Saturday, 25th September, was given by the leader, Mr. J. G. Luehmann, F.L.S., who stated that there was a good attendance of members, who spent an enjoyable afternoon. Several devoted themselves to pond-life with very fair results, while the botanists were successful in obtaining *Pultenaea dentata*, *Polypompholyx tenella*, *Lyperanthus nigricans*, *Caladenia congesta*, and a large number of other spring flowers.

A report of the Club excursion to Ringwood on Saturday, 9th October, was read by the leader, Mr. C. French, jun., who stated that the attendance was small, but the result in a botanical sense was good. About twelve specimens of orchids, including *Caladenia suaveolens*, *Pterostylis barbata*, and *Thelymitra ixioides* were found, besides a large number of the usual spring flowers, as well as *Candollea despecta*, *Utricularia dichotoma*, and *Phylloglossum Drummondii*.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

On a ballot being taken Messrs. J. B. Luffman and J. A. Wood were duly elected members of the Club.